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CSP Community Meeting held in Mankato, Minnesota

SAINT PAUL, MN, June 29, 2004—A Conservation Security Program (CSP) meeting was held in Mankato, Minnesota. The CSP meeting participants learned about the new CSP, a voluntary program that supports conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources.

The new self-assessment workbook was reviewed in detail. This workbook is significant as it is a new way of doing business for both NRCS and the Agricultural producer. Farmers can assess their potential eligibility by themselves on their own time at their convenience.

Farmers interested in applying for a contract will need to fill out the self- assessment workbook to see if their ag operation meets the standards of the CSP program.

The self-assessment workbook is available in hardcopy or compact disk (CD) from local NRCS offices within the Blue Earth River Watershed. It is also available online: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp> at an interactive site that allows producers to log on and off at their convenience to complete the workbook at their own pace.

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